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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97 - 1.99, the Applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56. These references are also listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102 or Section 103.

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**Foreign Patent Documents**

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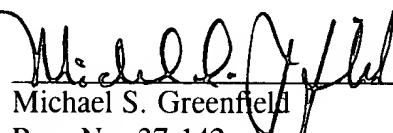
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